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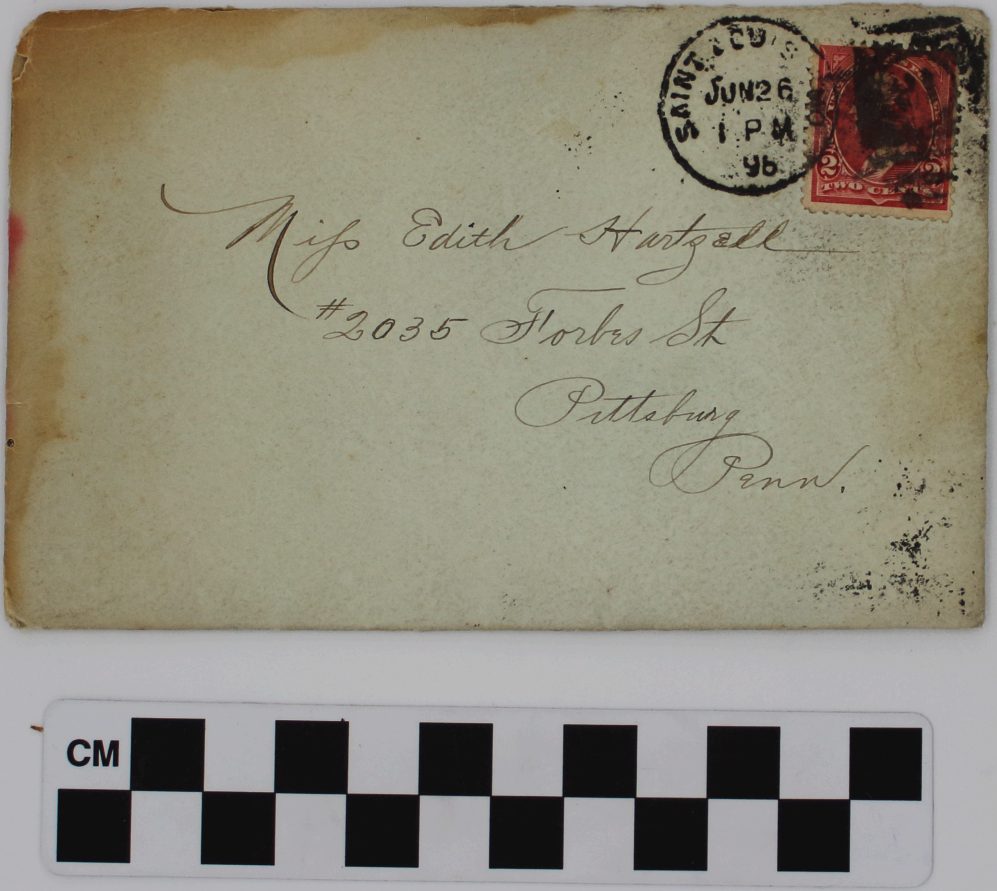
Convention and McKinley getting
the nomination, and Hobart for V.P.
Also mentions riding a bicycle, and
sending views of a tornado in St Louis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Miſs Edith Hartzell
Dear Friend

And so you are back at Pittsburg - your card announcing this fact reached me Saturday. As you gave me no address I will address this to Uncle Tom's and I suppose it will reach you. I mailed a little booklet of tornado views to your Philadelphia address and I suppose it has been forwarded to you.

I am sorry that you did not approve of my showing the paper weight to Uncle Tom and Laura and hope that you will not shake me for it when I get to Pitt., at least that you will not shake me very hard.

And so you have given up the idea of learning to ride a bike - that is too bad - we might have had a few spins together. I don't think I will take my wheel with me as it would be in the way at Washington - if I was going to spend the entire time in Pittsburg it would probably be a pleasure to have it with me. Do you know what it costs to rent one there? I thought I might bring my bicycle clothes and take a ride with Joe.

Sunday before last I started from the Church with the Pres. of our Epworth League Society for Forest Park, and on the way we overtook the Pres. of the Church Board of Trustees, so we made quite a Methodist Cycling Club. We had a splendid ride, good roads nearly all the way and when I reached home my cylometer showed that during the two hours and a half I had been riding I covered 24 miles. The previous Sunday I had for a companion one of the young ladies of our church and we made a tour of a portion of the tornado district.

I do not think I shall go Philadelphia. I have decided that I will want to be Washington about five days and to go ~~Washin~~ Phila. would cut my stay in Pittsburg too short. I expect to leave here on the morning of July 7th on the B and O special train that will carry the St Louis members of the C. E. to Washington and will probably leave Washington for Pittsburg about the 13th.

Well since I last wrote

you we have selected the next President and Vice President. The Convention Auditorium is only four squares from our office and I went direct from the office to the Hall last Thursday evening. When I got in, the name of Hobart was being placed before the Convention for V. P. I staid until the adjournment, a little before eight o'clock. They nominated McKinley before I got there.

By the way did you mention to Aunt Margaret that I had any idea of going to Phila.

delphia? If you did, I think I had better write to her, so that she will not be expecting me.

Father interrupted me a few minutes ago to ask me to send you his love, which I herewith enclose.

Well it is getting well on toward eleven o'clock and I guess I will have to quit.

Trusting this will find Laura fully recovered & all in good health and that I may spend a pleasant week with you next month
I am with regards to all
Your Friend
Thos. E. Evans.